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Wi-Fi Facility to Air Passengers
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India proposes to have Wi-Fi on board of its Airbus A-320 planes that are the mainstay of its domestic operations, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether this facility would be offered free of cost, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether other domestic airlines would also extend Wi-Fi facility to air travelers;

(d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which this facility would be started;

(e)whether international airline companies are seeking permission to allow the use of in-flight Wi-Fi over Indian airspace, if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the countries having in-flightWi-Fi facilities in the world?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (e): The proposal for providing on-board Wi-Fi services involves amendment of provisions of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 and Indian Telegraph Rules made there under. The Department of Telecommunications has already moved a proposal for providing in-flight connectivity for voice, data and video services for consideration of the Committee of Secretaries. Such facility will be subject to the permission received from Regulatory Authorities. ;
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(f): In-flight Wi-Fi services are allowed in many countries such as the USA.